

**MINUTES  
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011  
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM – 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

**CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dalal at 4:11 p.m. 23 persons were noted in attendance . The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Dalal at 6:04 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of the Redistricting Commission on Thursday, February 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in Committee Room.

**ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:**

(C) Chairperson Anisha Dalal

(VC) Vice Chairman Carlos Marquez

(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow

(M) Frederick Kosmo

(M) Theresa Quiroz

(M) David Potter

(M) Arthur Nishioka

**ROLL CALL:**

Chairperson Anisha Dalal called the roll:

(C) Chairperson Anisha Dalal-present

(VC) Vice Chairman Carlos Marquez-present

(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow-present

(M) Frederick Kosmo-present

(M) Theresa Quiroz-present

(M) David Potter-present

(M) Arthur Nishioka-present

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Redistricting Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Comments are limited to no more than two minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Commission's Operations Director prior to 5:00 p.m. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Redistricting Commission on any issue brought forth under Non-Agenda Comment.

Comment-1:

Philip W. Liburd commented on his interest in the redistricting process.

Comment-2:

Brian Pollard commented on the eventual outcome of the process as it relates to the 4th District.

Comment-3:

Dr. Kitty Reed commented on the involvement of committees and voiced her choice to keep the Webster community in the 4th District.

Comment-4:

Bob Dingeman commented on representing the democratic traditions and sense of communities.

**COMMISSION COMMENT:**

Commissioner Comment-1:

Commissioner Potter commented on the time listed on the Agenda for submitting Non-Agenda Comment speaker slips.

**CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY STAFF ASSIGNED TO REDISTRICTING  
COMMISSION COMMENT:**

Deputy City Attorney Sharon Spivak noted the flexible approach taken in regards to the submission of Non-Agenda Comment speaker slips.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEM - 1: APPROVAL OF REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MINUTES OF  
MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2010, AND NOVEMBER 22, 2010:**

Commissioner Nishioka stated for the record that his notations reflect soon after the start of the meeting there were nine people in attendance on November 4, 2010, and twelve people in attendance on November 22, 2010.

**Motion by Commissioner Quiroz to approve the Redistricting Commission Minutes of November 4, 2010, and November 22, 2010. Second by Commissioner Nishioka. The motion is approved unanimously.**

**ITEM - 2: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE HIRING OF OTHER REDISTRICTING  
COMMISSION STAFF AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT CITY STAFF  
REGARDING THE HIRING PROCESS:**

Commissioner Quiroz provided a brief background of the discussion held by the Hiring Subcommittee in hiring a second staff member to assist the Redistricting Commission. She presented those options available and placed some recommendations on the table for discussion.

Deputy City Attorney Sharon Spivak commented to the Commissioners that the San Diego City Charter actually contemplates the process in which the Commission uses City staff to assist their operations and noted that it does not affect their impartiality or their independence.

**Motion by Commissioner Quiroz that the Redistricting Commission approves the creation of the position of assistant to the Chief of Staff. That position will be filled by accessing the City's pool or returning retirees. The position will be at the pleasure of the Chief of Staff and can be replaced at anytime she deems necessary. The Chief of Staff will be the person responsible for interviewing for the position and she will evaluate each candidate based in part on the criteria. The criteria is as follows: 1.Knowledge of the city and its systems.2.Typing and transcription skills.3.Good customer service skills.4.Email**

**distribution skills.5.Filing skills.6.Website updating skills. Second by Vice Chair Marquez.  
The motion is approved unanimously.**

**ITEM - 3: DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE V,  
SECTION 6, OF THE COMMISSION'S BYLAWS:**

**Comment-1:**

Evan McLaughlin expressed concerns in communications with City Officials and the issue of full disclosure.

**Comment-2:**

Milreca Wu commented on maintaining a process that is as transparent as possible.

**Comment-3:**

Emily Serafy Cox expressed her concerns with current disclosure requirements, written communications, and suggested the Redistricting Commission use the Coastal Commission's policy as a template.

**Comment-4:**

Jeanne Brown commented on concerns regarding communications with officials.

Commissioner Nishioka stated that the Bylaws Subcommittee's intent is to be able to provide as much transparency and avoid any appearance of conflict of interest. He suggested the Subcommittee reconvene soon to take into consideration the comments brought forward at this meeting.

Vice Chair Marquez noted that Commissioner Quiroz will introduce a policy document, which will contain a list of guiding principles and suggested that document echo the Commission's intent with specifics regarding contact with City Officials.

Commissioner Quiroz pointed out that the speakers who spoke today never stated that Commissioners are not to speak to Councilmembers. She stated the Commission has to be very careful with this issue because Councilmembers are also members of the public. They have rights too, but at the same time, must assure everyone that there is nothing being done wrong or inappropriate.

**Motion by Commissioner Potter to return the potential amendment regarding Article V, Section 6, of the Commission's Bylaws to the Subcommittee and report back to the Commission with further recommendations. Second by Commissioner Kosmo. The motion is approved unanimously.**

**ITEM - 4: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROTOCOL AND REPORTING STRUCTURE FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:**

Commissioner Quiroz announced the Hiring Subcommittee's recommendation that the Chairperson of the 2010 Redistricting Commission be the point of contact for the Chief of Staff and will supervise her work for the purpose of performance evaluations. The Vice Chair will be the designated alternate. The Subcommittee also suggests that the Commission create some board policies to ensure openness and transparency to the fullest extent possible.

Comment-1:

Emily Serafy Cox commented on her support for the full disclosure policy for staff.

Chairperson Dalal suggested adding language to the effect "as indicated per the Bylaws."

Additionally, the Commissioners asked questions, gave input, and provided recommendations on the item as presented by Commissioner Quiroz.

**Motion by Commissioner Quiroz to move the recommendation that the Chairperson of the 2010 Redistricting Commission be the point of contact for the Chief of Staff and will supervise her work for the purpose of performance evaluations. The Vice Chair will be the designated alternate should the Chairperson not be available. Second by Commissioner Potter. The motion is approved unanimously.**

**Motion by Chairperson Dalal to move that the Bylaws Subcommittee review the Board Policies regarding the Chief of Staff and incorporate that into the Bylaws and Operating Procedures for the 2010 Redistricting Commission. Second by Commissioner Potter. The motion is approved unanimously.**

**ITEM - 5: DISCUSSION OF DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR PRE-MAPPING  
PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Comment-1:

Bari Vaz commented on the list of suggested locations for the public hearings being primarily library locations and noticed that there were no locations in Mira Mesa.

Comment-2:

Milreca Wu commented on holding the public hearings at a time and location that are easily accessible to everyone.

Comment-3:

Kathleen Harmon suggested Lincoln High School as one of the locations for a public hearing.

Mr. Walker clarified that the current list of locations provided to the Commissioners thus far is only to reflect the potential possibilities. He emphasized that City TV is eager to get a schedule as soon as possible to be able to organize the appropriate broadcasting of these off-site meetings.

Commissioner Quiroz expressed the need to discuss the topic of not having the data during the first round of public hearings. She wondered if seeking community input without data is a positive or negative, and asked the other Commissioners for their input.

Vice Chair Marquez responded that the issue about outreach efforts was touched upon during a Subcommittee meeting. He noted the preliminary pre-map hearings should involve basic education about the process and public input on establishing guiding principles when defining a community of interest.

Commissioner Morrow and Commissioner Quiroz expressed their concern with the number of off-site meetings. They commented that there should be more than one meeting out in the districts.

Additionally, Commissioners gave their input and provided varying recommendations on dates, times, and locations for the subsequent public hearings.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**ITEM - 6: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT FROM  
MAPPING SUBCOMMITTEE:**

Comment-1:

Emily Serafy Cox encouraged the Commission to include the capability for the public to create their own maps when looking at the different mapping software.

Commissioner Morrow provided an overview of the preliminary research done by the Mapping Subcommittee and presented those options. She reported hopefully that a draft would be ready for the next Redistricting Commission meeting.

Mr. Walker explained in a little more detail the process referred to as "piggyback."

Several Commissioners asked questions and discussed further the criteria for mapping software as well as vendors.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**ITEM - 7: JOSEPH WALKER, SUPERVISING MANAGEMENT ANALYST:**

Mr. Walker reiterated the urgency in compiling a list of facilities and provided an update on the minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Dalal adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Gilberto Sanchez  
Legislative Recorder  
City Clerk's Office